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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:pages _____, as originally filed
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets/fig. _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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said stack, and is provided with a device for sensing the position of the stack of banknotes, connected to the mechanism for displacement of the element with a collecting unit, the element for placing the stack of banknotes and the container with packing material in the form of bands of tape are installed relative to one another on the frame in such a way that a stack of banknotes, after deformation thereof, is inserted into a band fed from the container.

Therefore, the invention according to independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2 meets the requirement of novelty.

Said distinguishing features are not known and not obvious from the prior art (D2-D4), and ensure that a stack of banknotes can be wrapped efficiently using a pre-prepared band of packing material whose dimensions correspond to the dimensions of the stack, as a result of which the stack of banknotes is enveloped tightly by the band of packing material, the wrapping process itself being extremely simple, and wrapping time reduced to a minimum. Therefore claims 1-2 meet the requirement of inventive step.

Claims 1-2 are industrially applicable.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-2	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-2	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-2	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: RU 2 166 466 C1

D2: RU 2 123 462 C1

D3: GB 1 312 783 A

D4: DE 2 818 463 A1

D2-D4 describe the background art for this problem.

The prior art closest to the invention characterised in independent claim 1 is the device disclosed in D1 for wrapping stacks of banknotes, comprising a frame, a container with packing material, a method for feeding the packing material, and an element for positioning a stack of banknotes.

The device according to claim 1 differs from the disclosure of D1 in that the container with packing material is in the form of a box-like structure, the packing material is in the form of bands of tape, flattened and folded into a stack inside the container, the device for feeding the packing material is in the form of an element with a collecting unit provided with a mechanism for displacement thereof, the element for positioning the stack of banknotes is able to distort the stack of banknotes relative to the longitudinal axis of